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The Office Action indicated that the subject matter of Claims 2-4 and 6-10 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim.

Accordingly, Applicant has incorporated the allowed dependent Claim 4 into independent Claim 1. It is accordingly believed that claims 1-3 and 5-10 should now be allowable as dependent from an allowed independent claim.

Claim 1 has been further amended to remove a "compact self-ballast" description of the fluorescent lamp consistent with the broader teachings of the present invention as defined, for example, in the specification starting at Page 30, line 10 and as shown in the fluorescent lamp with the double spiral arc tube in Figure 9. As can be appreciated, it is not necessary that an electronic ballast circuit be also contained in the housing member and it is not believed that the terminology "compact self-ballast" represented the allowed novelty of the present invention. Accordingly Claim 1 and its dependent claims have now been defined as a fluorescent lamp rather than a compact self-ballast fluorescent lamp.

New Claim 13 represents the indicated allowable subject matter of allowed dependent Claim 3 and accordingly is believed to be allowable along with its dependent Claim 14.

Since only allowable subject matter is now submitted with the present claims it is believed that the case is in condition for allowance and an early notification of the same is requested.

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If the Examiner believes a telephone interview will further the prosecution, the undersigned attorney can be reached at the listed phone number.

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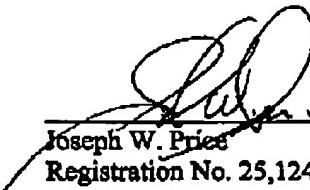
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